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Bennett J. Berson, Reg. No. 37,094

IN THE UNITED STATES ARE NT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Mark R. McCormick

Date: October 28, 1999

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Examiner: G. Kunz

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For: METHOD FOR PRECIPITATING NUCLEIC

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated 05/28/99 for two (2) months from 08/28/99 to 10/28/99.

Applicant is

[] a small entity, a verified statement for which: [] is attached.

[] was filed previously. [X] other than a small entity.

Extension:

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| Months | Small Entity | Small Entity | |
| one month | \$110.00 | \$55.00 | • |
| [X] two months | \$380.00 | \$190.00 | • |
| three months | \$870.00 | \$435.00 | |
| four months | \$1360.00 | \$680.00 | |
| five months | \$1850.00 | \$925.00 | Fee \$380.00 |
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Fee for Non

Please charge the above-identified fee and any additional fee due in this application to Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

A response to the Office Action [X] is filed herewith. has been filed.

Respectfully submitted,

Fee for

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